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In re application of

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Martin SOMMER et al.

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For: MOLDED ELEMENT THAT CONSISTS OF BRITTLE-FRACTURE MATERIAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2006, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks in view of the concurrently filed Notice of Appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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